ही मामले में वैधानिक कार्रवाई की प्रकृति निश्चित की जायेगी ।

Defective Films bought by the Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd.

755. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the C.M.D. of the Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. bought film rolls from Agfa from Gevert India Ltd., Bombay worth Rs. 1.95 crores, which were straight way rejected by professional photographers, because it was totally defective;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in the first lot of 3 lakh sq. meters of Agfa roll of B&W even after the detection of defective films orders of 1.75 lakh maters was placed subsequently;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the HPF Co. has already made Medical X-ray in the year 1977; if so, what are the reasons to pay Rs. 101 crores at a technology fees to Do Pont of U.S.A.; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the HPF Co. Ltd. has entered into an agreement with Dupont to buy X-Ray, graphic Arts, Industrial Films Jambo, worth Rs. 7 millions per annum for the next five years, which will cost total amount of Rs. 12.60 crores; if so, whether Government are prepared to get the matter investigated by a joint parliamentary committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) To meet the then increasing demand for black and white amateur roll films, HPF had entered into a contract with M/s. Agfa Gavert, W. Germany, for supply of 4.75 lakhs Sq. Mts. of B&W jumbo rolls of films for the period 1980-82. The converted films were sold during 1982-85 and were found acceptable in the market. The company did not suffer any loss on this.

(c) and (d) HPF had carried out trial production of polyester based medical X-ray films during 1975-76, though the production/technology was not "State-of-the-Art" Level.

HPF had entered into a collaboration with M/s. Du Pont, USA for setting up manufacturing facilities for polyester based medical X-ray and graphic films after Government approval. As a market seeding exercise, HPF has also agreed to buy jumbo rolls of medical/industrial X-ray, graphic art films from M|s. Du Pont, USA for a minimum amount of S 49 million for a period of seven years.

List of SC/ST and Other Backward Classes

756. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received fresh lists from different States to include them as SC, ST and also backward castes;

(b) if so, the details of the castes mentioned in the lists submitted by different States; and

(c) the steps taken for their inclusion in the list of SC, ST and OBC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Haryana has recently requested that some communities may be included in the Central List of Socially & Educationally Backward Classes under finalisation.

Requests for inclusion of some castes/communities in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have also been received from a few State Governments, It may not be in the public interest to disclose the details in this regard.

(c) In the O.M. dated 13th August, 1990 accepting some of the recommendations of the 2nd Backward Classes Commission it was *inter alia* mentioned that in the first phase, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes would comprise those castes and communities which are common to both the lists of the Mandal Commission Report as well as State Governments' Lists. The said Order of the